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## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.  
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES.....924,765.62  
\$5,924,765.62

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,500,000.  
INSTALLMENT OF PREMIUM received on NEW SHARES.....698,336.43  
\$3,198,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W.M. REINHOLD, Esq.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on accepted Securities, and every description of Banking and Banking business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.

Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also Act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this Port and in Formosa under the style of J. C. ELLES & CO. Mr. FRANCIS CASS is authorized to sign the firm.

JAMES C. ELLES,  
Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 Shares, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 30th September CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call and its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 2d. or 84/- 70 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7% per Annum will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th September.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a list of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year to be Paid as BONDS to Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the Thirty-first day of October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

By Order of the Board,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

## Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 12 O'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1882, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 10, 1883.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 12 O'clock, in accordance with the Provisions of the Company's Ordinances 1865 and 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.  
Dated 17th October, 1883.

HONGKONG RACES—1884.

THIS MEETING will take place on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd February, 1884.

GENTLEMEN having suggestions to offer or presentations to make are invited to communicate with the Clerk of the Courses on or before the 27th instant.

THE HONGKONG DERBY—1884.

The HONGKONG DERBY, a Sweepstakes of \$20 each, will forfeit if declared on or before the date of closing entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies, bond ride Gridiron at date of entry, (SATURDAY, 19th January, 1884). First Pony, 10 per cent.; Second Pony, 20 per cent.; Third Pony, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 10lbs. One Mile-and-a-half. Nominations close on WEDNESDAY, 19th December, 1883, addressed to the Clerk of the Courses, at the Hongkong Club.

By Order,  
H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Clerk of the Courses.  
Hongkong, October 16, 1883.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of October instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

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By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 10, 1883.

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### TO HAND PER "GLENOGLE."

PEARS' ASSORTED BEST TOILET SOAPS.

PEARS' PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CARBOLIC DISINFECTING POWER IN DREDGERS.

WINTER HOSIERY.

TAILORING GOODS IN THIS SEASON'S PATTERNS.

THE NEW CLIMAX UMBRELLAS, guaranteed to wear THE NEW TODDY KETTLES WITH LAMPS.

THE NEW COFFEE MACHINES.

THE DUPLEX TABLE LAMPS, latest designs ARTISTIC FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 17, 1883.

## SAYLE & CO.'S SHOW-ROOMS.

JUST RECEIVED EX "GLENELG."  
AND NOW SHOWING.

CHEAP TRIMMED MILLINERY in latest styles.

SPECIALTIES in BEAVER.

FELT, and STRAW HATS, and

BONNETS in newest shapes.

FEATHERS,

FLOWERS,

MILLINERY,

SILKS,

VELVETS,

SATINS,

&c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

Intimations.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (not less previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

FRIDAY, the 19th of October, 1883, at 11 a.m., on

Board,

THE WELL-KNOWN GERMAN STEAMER.

"C. H. I. N. A."

of 640 Tons Register, with a pair of direct acting surface condensing MARINE ENGINES of 120 Horse-Power, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL, and INVENTORY, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, the remainder on completion of transfer, the Steamer to be at Purchaser's risk immediately after being knocked down.

For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, October 10, 1883.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT,

BY EDWARD SCHELLHASS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1883.

To Let.

### TO LET.

BISNNE VILLA, FORFOON, Furnished.

Apply to

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA**  
**RACKER**  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL  
CORNMEAL

White BEANS.  
TOPCAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODEFISH in Tins.  
Primo HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in its cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robins' Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Richardson & Robins' Curried OYSTERS.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
BRAINS.  
MILK SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Corn STARCH.  
Green CORN.

**FAIRBANKS' SCALES.**  
400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
900 lb. "  
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES AND HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.  
PAINTS AND OILS.  
TALLOW AND TAR.  
—VARNISHES.

**DEVOE'S NONPARIEL**  
**BRILLIANT**  
**KEROSINE OIL,**  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:

BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
CAVIAR.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.  
TEYMONEA'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
LIBERIA'S & EGYPT'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.  
SAUSAGES.  
BRAWN.  
DANISH BUTTER.

**SPARTAN**  
COOKING STOVES.

ENGLISH CUTLERY.  
ELECTRO-PLATE.  
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

CLARETS—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.  
JEEPS, GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SAUCES MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.  
SAUCES OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HUNTS PORT.  
BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
BUISQUET DUBOURG & CO.'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LIQUOR.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOOR'D OLD TOM.

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ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOULLY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

CHARBELL'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CUBACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and OANGE

BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

**C I G A R S**

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents per lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 23rd October,  
1883, at Noon, the Company's S.S.  
AMAZONE, Commandant de MAUREGE,  
with MAULS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above-places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as Marseilles, and accepted  
in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon of 22nd October.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 22nd October. (Parcels are not to be  
sent on board; they must be left at the  
Agency's Office.)

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 5, 1883. oc23



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,  
VIA INLAND SEA.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-  
HAMA).

THE S.S. TAKACHILIO MARU, Capt.

I NY, due here on or about the  
21st Instant, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 26th October, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at  
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under 82  
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office, Praya Central, Ground  
Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & CO.

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. oc28

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

Twelfth Volume of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 1—Vol. XXI.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS

The Structure of Chinese Characters.

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The Dialet of Yangchow.

China During the Tsin Dynasty, A.D.

264-419.

More on the Origin of the Arabic Numerals

In Tang P'o in Hainan.

Opium and the Smoking Extract.

Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.

Correspondence.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

To Contributors.

Hongkong, September 28, 1883.

F. E. FOSTER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1883. no7

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Oct. 13, 1883.

Stocks.

No. of Shares

Value

Paid up.

Reserve.

Working Account.

Last Divid.

Dividends. (1)

Interest.

Rate of Payable.

June 30 Dec 31

Feb 28 Apr 31

April & Oct.

June 1st Dec 10

3 % prn.

June & Dec.

2 % prn.



## THE CHINA MAIL

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## THE CHINA REVIEW.

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## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Received January 1st, 1882.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Tenth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Technology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extomizing the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review," care of China Mail Office.

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining fresh and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondent's column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, Imperial, and Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is exceedingly cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Eich-Breitfelder, Hirth, and Hane, Professor Loqua, and Musaei, Falton, Waterson, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamie, Scott, Faber, Kopal, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Piton—all well-known names, indicative of solid scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

The Subscription is fixed at \$6.50 per annum, postage included—payable in advance. Orders for binding volumes will be promptly attended to; Address, "Manager, China Mail Office."

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review."—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.)

"The China Review" \* \* \* has an excellent table of contents—Colonial Empire. The Publication always contains subjects of interest to sojourners in the Far East and the present issue will hold favourable comparison, with preceding numbers."—Colonial Empire.

"This number contains several articles of interest and value."—North-China Herald.

"The present number of this periodical, \* \* \* opens with a review of the Foreign Trade of China during 1882. This is rather a new departure for a publication which professes to be purely literary; but considering the comparatively small circulation it enjoys at present among the commercial communities of China, it will have the innovation as likely to recommend the Review to the notice of those who take an interest in few matters beyond mercantile pursuits."—North-China Herald.

"The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterise that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritsch, on 'The Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking' showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. 'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—North-China Daily News.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronise."—Chrysanthemum.

"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Testament in Chinese' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries."—Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Southern China" are concluded, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Ballou contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be of general interest to students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, some of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Samoa and Java" might appropriately have been placed under a section heading, complete the number."—E. & K. Daily Press.

"Reader's Oracle" keeps containing the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judging by the numbers sent before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the Collected Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable, and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now exceedingly cultivated and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-stateman of the eleventh century, Su Sung-po, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary taste to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Received January 1st, 1882.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packages of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except hand bills. Supplements, Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Price Current may be paid either Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copies, music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially printed paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the value of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. &c., 8 oz.

4. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Burmuda, Labuan, Hawaii, and the Far East generally. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially printed paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

## Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

## Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence unless it also is lost.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 10;

## LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates

for Hongkong, Canton, Macao, and the Pines.

Letters, 1 cent.

Post Cards, 1 cent.

Registration, 1 cent.

Newspapers, 1 cent.

Books and Patterns, 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private house of the addressee rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect is expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., *ab initio* of the weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office un stamped, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each box must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents is first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General; as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

## Licensed Boxes (each).

Hour, ..... 10 cents.

Half Day, ..... 35 cents.

Day, ..... 50 cents.

If an Extra Coolie is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale to pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

## BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

picks, per Day, ..... \$3.00

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

picks, per Load, ..... 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

picks, per Day, ..... 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

picks, per Load, ..... 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picks, per Day, ..... 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picks, per Load, ..... 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picks, Half Day, ..... 50

SAMPANS.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ..... \$1.00

One Hour, ..... 25

Half an Hour, ..... 10

After 6 p.m. ..... 10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

## STEAM COOKIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Cookies.

One Day, ..... 33 cents.

Half Day, ..... 20 "

Three Hours, ..... 12 "

One Hour, ..... 5 "

Half Hour, ..... 3 "

Nothing in the above Scales to affect private agreements.

5. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Mont, Fish, Game, Fruits, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

6. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

7. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the value of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. &c., 8 oz.

4. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

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